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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 872-74151730@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Jason Smathers
MuckRock News
Dept MR 872
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Boston MA 02205-5819

RE: 11-OIA-0030

Dear Mr. Smathers:

Our February 2, 2011 acknowledgement of your request notified you that you were placed in the "all other" requester category. Pursuant to the DHS implementing regulations, 6 C.F.R. § 5.11, "all other" or non-commercial requesters are responsible to pay 10-cents a page for duplication, although the first 100 pages are free, as are the first two hours of search time, after which you will pay the per quarter-hour rate (\$4.00, \$7.00, \$10.25) of the searcher. It was estimated that it would take approximately 91.75 hours to search for all responsive records. Billable search costs at \$10.25 per quarter hour would total \$3761.75. It was further estimated that our search would yield approximately 7300 pages. Duplication costs for 7300 pages at a rate of \$0.10 per page would total \$730.00. Based on this information, it is estimated that the overall fee to process your request will equal approximately \$4,491.75.

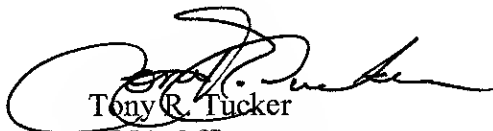
Since the total estimated fee exceeded \$250.00, you were asked to make an advance payment of an amount up to the amount of the entire anticipated fee before we would begin to process your request. See 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(i). Furthermore you were asked to submit your check or money order in the amount of (partial payment \$1,122.93/full payment \$4,491.75), made payable to the Treasury of the United States, to this office within 30 days from the date of this letter.

As an alternative, you were asked to narrow the scope of your request to reduce the universe of responsive records within 30 business days and forward the amended request to I&AFOIA@HQ.DHS.GOV.

Since we did not receive an advance payment or an amended request from you within thirty (30) business days from the date of our February 2, 2011 acknowledgement letter, we now consider this request withdrawn, and we will administratively close your request file.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact our office at 202-447-4190. Please refer to **11-OIA-0030** in all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony R. Tucker", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Tony R. Tucker

FOIA Officer

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